Placement of EDP Staff

2443. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have set up a Committee to examine the question of placement of EDP staff in the Data Processing Division of National Sample Survey Organisation subsequent to the judgement delivered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has submitted its report to Government.

(c) if so, whether Government has accepted the recommendation of the Committee; and

(d) whether Government have accepted to give the benefit of Supreme Court Judgement to the non- petitioner also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The report of the Committee is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

(d) No, Sir. It is the policy of the Government, as laid down by the Ministry of Finance that benefits of judgements delivered by different Courts of Law will be applicable only to the petitioners unless there is a direction to the Government in the judgement itself to extend the benefit to all similarly placed non- petitioners also. The sanctioned strength of EDP posts in the Data Processing Division is 597. So far, 167 EDP staff have been extended the benefit of judgements of different Courts of Law. The Government is in the process of implementation of orders given by the Principal Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal in respect of 299 EDP staff of DPD. Some more cases, involving about 125 EDP staff, are pending in different Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal and as and when orders on these pending cases are received, the petitioners in those cases will also be extended the benefit.